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PARIS FOR UNESCO

1. POLOFF PRESENTED US POSITION (REFTEL A) TO RICHARD MULLER, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR UNESCO AFFAIRS, SEPTEMBER 26. MULLER EXPRESSED PERSONAL SUPPORT FOR OUR VIEWS BUT THOUGHT FINNS LIKELY TO ABSTAIN IN ANY VOTE ON GKR CREDENTIALS. WHEN POLOFF ALLUDED TO LAST YEAR'S VOTE AT UNESCO IN FAVOR OF GKR MULLER SAID HE COULD NOT RECALL CICRUMSTANCES BUT WOULD SEEK INSTRUCTIONS TO HOLD THE LINE. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY AWARE OF FINNISH IN-TENTION TO ABSTAIN IN UNGA VOTE THIS YEAR AS LAST.
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2. IF FINNS ARE ON CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AT NEXT MONTH'S GENERAL CONFERENCE THEY WOULD PROBABLY SUPPORT GKR IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRADITIONAL POLICY THAT COMMITTEE SHOULD STICK TO TECHNICAL QUESTIONS AND REFRAIN FROM POLITICAL JUDGEMENTS.

3. WE HAVE NOW APPROACHED FOREIGN MINISTRY THREE TIMES (REFTELS B AND C) ON GKR ISSUE IN RECENT WEEKS. ISSUE IS CLOSELY TIED TO FINNISH DOMESTIC POLTICS AND WE BELIEVE FURTHER APPROACHES IN HELSINKI, WHERE PRESSURES ARE FELT MOST KEENLY, MIGHT BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. IN ABSENCE OF RESIDENT INDONESIAN MISSION WE ARE NOT PASSING COPY OF FONMIN ADAM MALIK'S STATEMENT (REFTEL D) TO FONOFF. EMBASSY PARIS MAY, HOWEVER, WISH TO SUGGEST THAT INDONESIAN MISSION THERE PASS COPY TO FINNISH AMBASSADOR ENCKELL.
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